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In re application of

John Derek Guest )  
Serial No.: 10/660,099 ) Art Unit  
Filing Date: September 11, 2003 ) 3679  
Confirmation No.: 6876 )  
For: TUBE COUPLINGS )  
Examiner: James M. Hewitt )

### TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- Set of three (3) sheets of replacement drawings containing Figures 1, 3, and 4 including the proposed amendments therein; and
- A duplicate set of the three (3) sheets of annotated drawings showing the changes therein.
- A set of three (3) sheets of new drawings containing Figures 6-8.

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X To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:

X Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time; and

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X A Certificate of Express Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.10.

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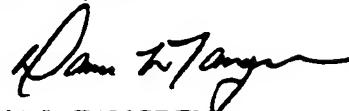
X Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

X A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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